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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

By Hood

A RESOLUTION To recognize Lewis H. Baker on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Lewis H. Baker is one such estimable citizen who has served with probity for 30 years with the Tennessee State Fire School in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 22, 1928, in Oakville, Tennessee, Lewis Baker was raised in Collierville and graduated from Collierville High School in 1947; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Baker joined the faculty of the Tennessee State Fire School in 1971 as a Fire Instructor specializing in Pump Operations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is an active and important part of his community and his profession; throughout his exemplary tenure as a firefighter and instructor, he has positively influenced countless numbers of firefighters across the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his illustrious tenure with the Tennessee State Fire School, Mr. Baker also served as Chief of the Collierville Fire Department for six years, as a volunteer

fireman for 15 years, and as a West Tennessee Itinerant Fire Instructor with the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Mr. Baker is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Peggie, and their two children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, On June 28, 2001, his friends and colleagues will be hosting a retirement reception in Mr. Baker's honor; he will officially retire on June 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Baker has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Lewis H. Baker our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank Mr. Baker for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee as an Instructor with the Tennessee State Fire School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.